

In the Town of Jericho, Vermont, the Selectboard hereby creates The Town of Jericho Recreation Committee, comprised of residents of the Town with the following mission, powers and duties.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Jericho Recreation Committee is to improve the well-being of our community by expanding and supporting a variety of recreational opportunities for young and old, and bringing cohesiveness to the diverse recreational activities already provided in the community.

The Committee will carry out its duties and powers according to the following key principles.

The Jericho Recreation Committee will:

1. Identify and catalog existing recreational assets in the Town of Jericho, along with the potential improvements for those assets
2. Poll or survey residents to discover the community's desires and needs for recreation; then develop a list of priorities based on public input
3. Create, build, and maintain an online database and/or website that aggregates and promotes recreational opportunities in the town, and includes a centralized calendar and contact information Promote and communicate recreational activities and events in the town, using a variety of media including online forums, public bulletin boards, etc.
4. Make a brief annual report, submitted to the Selectboard, describing its actions, finances and transactions for the year just passed, and its plans and prospects for the ensuing year
5. Provide support, recommendations, and oversight for the summer recreation program
6. Members of the Committee will act as ambassadors, addressing residents' questions and concerns about recreation
7. Serve in an advisory capacity to the Town regulatory bodies (e.g. Selectboard, Development Review Board) and other Town commissions (e.g. conservation commission, planning commission)
8. Help people develop recreational events and projects by facilitating the use of town resources and assisting them to navigate policies and procedures in the town
9. Review the references to recreation within the Jericho Town Plan, consider feasibility of those items, and assist in implementation if possible
10. Stay apprised of Development Review Board zoning and subdivision applications and provide a unique point of view regarding recreational opportunities, when appropriate
11. Communicate and coordinate with Selectboard via the Town Administrator regarding committee activities, including providing agendas and minutes for public posting
12. Communicate and coordinate with other committees and boards involved in recreational activities – e.g. Mobbs Committee, Trails Committee, Jericho-Underhill Land Trust, Winooski Valley Park District, as well as similar organizations in neighboring communities
13. Carry out assignments as requested by the Selectboard related to recreation within the Town

Powers and Funding: The Committee may request and receive funding for operating expenses by appropriation through the budget of the Town, petitions to the Selectboard, grants, and private donations. Additional monies allocated for specific recreation projects, which may be generated by special events, private donations, business sponsorship, or other means, will be managed by the

Recreation Committee and will not be absorbed into the Town's overall budget.

Potential costs associated with the operation of the Recreation Committee may include: website design and database assistance, public surveys, consultant fees, town-wide celebrations, promotional materials, and a variety of other expenses.

The Committee may receive the staff support of the Town Planner, Town Administrator, and Recreation Director on an as needed and as available basis.

Structure: The terms of the Committee members shall be three years, provided that in creating the first Committee, two appointments shall be for one year terms and two appointments shall be for two year terms. In appointing Committee members, the Selectboard should select members from a cross-section of interests. The Committee will assist in recruiting, interviewing and recommending future members.

The number of members will be no less than 7 persons and no more than 9 persons. An odd number is preferable. The makeup of the committee should reflect the diversity of interests in a wide range of recreational interests, as well as residents of various geographic areas of the Town.

The Committee shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary and shall adopt such rules and by-laws as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. Officers shall be elected annually. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law with written minutes available to the public. Meetings will occur at least monthly.